



Dear Students and Parents,
RNA, PLTW
LAST DAY for assignments
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9th grade class ACIS, 10th grade class PBS, 10th grade Science of Wellness

Important Notices:

Updated Grades @ POWERSCHOOL <http://pschool.aaps.k12.mi.us/public/>
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Field Trip Pictures

Last day for old assignments, to be accepted is>>>>>

Wish List – Styrofoam spheres for both class projects, finals

New Guy In A Tie Podcast <http://GuyInATie.com>

Dear ACIS students in ACIS science is March 18-19th. We will review Monday-Wednesday. Please bring your lab book with ACIS Review Guides, Two-Column Notes (2CNs) as well as your Word Wall Word definitions. We'll work on dealing with student stress, organization and review science material. Part of the exam is a station-to-station lab practical. For example students will use a microscope, and explain what they see.

Students were given a review sheet of all the Word Wall Words in two-column note format. It is to help them focus on content. Some students have their old copies and didn't need it. Some students have flash cards and didn't need the sheet. It is not required but I made it available to help students study.

PBS Final is the PLTW online test Friday. Students will be taking the 60 minute test in Mr. Pachera's lab. It is very important that everyone be there as I can't do make ups because it is with PLTW. This will allow us to be certified and then students will receive college credit for the H & M courses.

Life Skill March Words; Fairness/Justice & Responsibility. These are the words that we will be working on and using in my science classes. There is no special curriculum I will just be pointing out in school, science and life how we can work on using these words in our lives. If you are interested in receiving extra credit, write up a one-minute podcast script and then we can **podcast** it for all to think and reflect.

Make up and grades. Lunch time seems to be working the best for students. Lunch time seems to be working the best for students.

The last day I will accept old assignments is March 17th. Monday afterschool I had 18 students making up labs and completing missing assignments. It was great seeing students taking charge of their grade and turning in missing assignments. One of the students raised their grade from a D to a B by turning in three missing assignments. I am available every Monday afterschool for lab make-ups. I accept all missing work, except electronic work, and have found that if I have one-day afterschool I get better results. There is also an afterschool study hall held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the media center. Students may stay with me and then go to the library. If you have sport practice I will write you an excuse. Also the AATA bus picks up outside my classroom. I really want the students to be successful. I am also available at lunch.



ACIS Word Wall Words: The words for this week are: DNA, Transcription, mRNA, tRNA, Translation, Protein, Ribosome, Replication,

Amino acid, Codon, Uracil, Mutation, Cytoplasm, Nucleus, Gene (View ScienceGuyInATie.com for complete list.) Students are encouraged to use these words, as they are the terms as identified on the 11th grade MME/ACT test.

FRIENDS...WHEN OUR TEENS PICK ONES WE DON'T LIKE Rather than fighting a losing battle over who our teens choose as friends, we're far wiser to focus on upping the odds that our teens will make good decisions, even when their buddies don't.

Send strength messages. "Hanging around Joe is going to get you in trouble," sends the message that your teen is too weak to think for himself. "It's a good thing that Joe has a friend like you who makes good decisions," tells your teen that he can think for himself. Talk about the friend's behavior rather than the friend. Talking with your teen about how "bad" a friend implies that your teen is bad for choosing them. Talk about the types of sad consequences a friend's irresponsible behavior might bring about. Allow your teen to use you as the "bad guy." Experiment with saying:

If your friends ever pressure you to do something you don't think is right, feel free to blame me for your not going along with them. You might just say, "My dad is so crazy, you never know what he will do." Or "There is no way my dad will let me do that."

GUY IN A TIE Podcast, Mood is important about when to tackle problems.. Check out the show over the weekend.

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Since we are working toward the same goal, it is important for us to communicate often. I will keep sending home a newsletter on a regular basis informing you of our activities. Please feel free (I do like to hear from you) to e-mail (bradleyj@aaps.k12.mi.us) or call (school; 994-6515, ext 55448) if you have a question or concern. Writing notes is also a good way to share information.

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